(c) The population of rhinos in the country as per 1995 assessment is 1566 as compared to the 1991 estimate of 1567.

Crimes on Delhi - U.P. Border

1690. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether murders/robberies on the Delhi U.P. Border are increasing;

(b) if so, the details thereof since September 1996;

(c) the number of crimes solved;

(d) whether the police of both the States is unable to trace the culprits; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (e). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Manufacturing of Medicines by Bogus Factories

1691. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some bogus factories are manufacturing medicines in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such factories which came to light during the last six months;

(c) the steps taken to ensure closure of such bogus factories; and

(d) the number of cases launched against such bogus factories during the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Pollution in Cities

1692. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the most polluted cities in India in chronological order along with their ranks among the world's polluted cities;

(b) the present level of pollution in each city;

(c) whether the Government have made any study in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to arrest the growing menace of pollution in the cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) A report, "Global Pollution and Health", jointly prepared by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), has reported that with respect to levels of suspended particulate matter (SPM) in the ambient air; Delhi, Calcutta and Mumbai rank fourth, sixth and thirteenth respectively amongst 41 cities of the world. With respect to levels of sulphur dioxide, Delhi ranks 27th, Mumbai ranks 18th and Calcutta ranks 37th amongst 54 cities in the world.

(b) to (d). The Central Pollution Control Board is monitoring the levels of major air pollutants under the National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Programme, through a network of 290 monitoring stations covering 92 cities/towns in the country. Monitoring data with respect to the annual average concentrations of the major air pollutants in the major cities is given below:

City	Suspended particulate matter		Sulphur dioxide		Nitrogen dioxide	
	I	R	I	R	I	R
Delhi	H	C	L	M	L	H
Mumbai	M	C	M	L	M	M
Calcutta	L	C	L	C	C	C
Chennai	M	M	M	L	L	L
Hyderabad	M	H	L	L	L	M
Ahmedabad	M	C	L	H	L	L
Cochin	L	M	L	L	L	L
Nagpur	L	C	L	L	L	L
Pune	M	H	L	L	L	M
Lucknow	H		L		L	
Kanpur		C	L	L	L	L

Note : I=Industrial, R=Residential H=High, C=Critical, M=Moderate, L=Low

(e) The steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent and control pollution in the cities include the following :

(i) Standards for ambient air quality, noise levels have been notified for different areas, such as industrial, commercial, residential. Water quality of surface waters for different uses have been prescribed.

(ii) Standards for emissions and effluents from categories of water and air polluting industries have notified. Industries have been directed to comply with the prescribed standards on a time-bound basis.

(Iii) It has been made mandatory for major industrial and other activities to obtain environmental clearance based on impact assessment studies prior to site selection.